

REMARKS

The first preliminary amendment canceled claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12-14, and this second preliminary amendment places the specification and claims in better conformance with standard U.S. practice and adds new claim 15. No new matter was added. For instance, claims 1, 6 and 11 were amended to include limitations disclosed in claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12, as filed, and new claim 15 recites the limitations disclosed in claims 13 and 14, as filed.

After entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1-3, 6-8, 11 and 15 are pending. Thus, the pending claims include eight claims in total, three independent, and no multiple dependent.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 1-3, 6-8, 11 and 15.

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